Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether Government are satisfied that the construction of tube wells has been found to be satisfactory on the whole?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is satisfactory to some extent. It is giving satisfactory results in some parts of the littoral areas. But some of the wells have not been found to be useful. It all depends upon the level, and if the depth is a little more or less, difficulties arise. I have been explaining to the House the great difficulty of giving drinking water to these areas. Perhaps in the near future, in view of the friendly relations existing between the two States, there may be a solution for this question. I do not see any other way of giving good water to these littoral areas. This year, the Chief Engineer is going to make a further attempt in this direction. It is not a question of unwillingness, but one does not know how to proceed with the problem. I want the House to realise that difficulty in solving this great problem.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* With regard to these 22 wells sunk there have Government succeeded in getting good drinking water?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I think in the majority of them it has been successful. There are only 2 or 3 exceptions.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur):* Therefore it is a success.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Not an unqualified success. In one or two cases it was a failure. There is another difficulty. These wells are worked out by pumps. Unless the pumps are properly kept up and oiled, there will be these complaints. Now we have appointed a person to go round and inspect all these pumps and set them right. The main complaint is due to the derangement of hand pumps. Now we are attending to their necessary repairs.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur):* Can you not extend the system?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, we are extending.

INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE FOR DEFECTIVES—GRANT FOR

105. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to print and place on the table the communication No. L. Dis. 4033/16, dated 2nd May 1941 sent by the Director of

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

Industries and Commerce to the Manager, Industrial Institute for Defectives, and state.—

(*a*) whether any grant was being given to the Institute referred to; and

(*b*) if not, what is the reason for intimating that funds are not available for any more grant?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* A copy of the letter L. Dis. 4033/16, dated 2nd May 1941 sent by the Director of Industries and Commerce is placed on the Council table.

(*a*) A Weaving loom and accessories were given as free grant to the School for the Blind and another to the School for the Deaf and Dumb which are under the same management. These looms are now in the Institute for Defectives.

(*b*) The request from the Manager was for a free grant from the funds ear-marked for such under the Rural Development scheme. The amount available under the head was already distributed among different institutions even before the receipt of the Manager's letter and hence funds were not available for any more grant.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether there are three separate institutions, or one institution having under it two small institutions?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* One for the blind, and another for the deaf and dumb.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Then there is an institution for defectives. Is it a third institution or one institution with two branches?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* It is a generic name for both?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, it is a generic term.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know, Sir, how many students are there in these institutions—in the two together?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There are four students.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I know the amount spent on these 4 students?

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Rs. 45 per mensem by way of grant and Rs. 5 per deaf and dumb and Rs. 3 for the blind.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* So it comes to about Rs. 50?

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Is anything given to the defectives out of this grant?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* These amounts of five rupees and three rupees are for their maintenance. That is given by the Education Department.

INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE FOR DEFECTIVES—RECOGNITION OF AND GRANT FOR

106. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* With reference to question No. 353, dated 4th April 1941, will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when was the application for recognising the Industrial Institute for Defectives, Kunnamkulam received by the Director of Industries and Commerce;

(*b*) whether he visited this Institution;

(*c*) if so, the date of his visit;

(*d*) how long the matter of recognising this institution was under the consideration of the Director of Industries and Commerce;

(*e*) whether he requires any further information for recognising and aiding this school; and if so;

(*f*) what is it?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) 27—6—1940 (14—11—1115)

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) 31—7—1940 (16—12—1115)

(*d*) For the last about one year.

(*e*) Further information may be necessary.

(*f*) It cannot be definitely stated now what information will be necessary.

BASKET MAKING—TEACHING IN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS

107. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* With reference to question No. 354, dated 4th April 1941, will Government be pleased to mention.—

(*a*) what steps have been taken by Government to encourage training in basket making;

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly